

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present invention relates to a system which allows third-party smart cards to be
5 recognized by computing devices configured to receive smart cards. According to one or more
embodiments of the present invention, a smart card is presented to a computing device. One or
more token IDs are extracted from the smart card. Thereafter, a token type is obtained. In one
embodiment, a probe order file is consulted first when the smart card is presented to the computing
device. The probe order file is configured to direct a computing device to consult the correct
10 configuration files in the correct order. Using the probe order file, the device inspects each
configuration file specified in order. The probing is halted after a configuration file successfully
returns a usable identification and card type. If the probing goes through every configuration file
and there is no match then the smart card cannot be utilized.